## Exhibit 3

1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
3	DUBLIN DIVISION
4	x
5	ARIEL CURTIS, :
6	Plaintiff, : CIVIL ACTION NO.:
7	vs. : 3:21-cv-15-DHB-BKE
8	CORECIVIC, INC., CORECIVIC :
9	OF TENNESSEE, LLC, THE :
10	CITY OF ALAMO, GA, and :
11	CASANDRA BONEY, :
12	Defendants. :
13	x
14	30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF DONOVAN HAMILTON
15	Monday, April 25, 2022
16	3:06 p.m.
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18	30(b)(6) Deposition of DONOVAN HAMILTON,
19	was held remotely via Zoom videoconference, commencing
20	at 3:06 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022, and taken
21	down stenographically by Elizabeth Mingione, Certified
22	and Registered Professional Reporter for the State of
23	Georgia.
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- 1 speak to what they believe.
- Q. Do you think the purpose of searching
- 3 individuals entering the Wheeler Correctional Facility
- 4 is to prevent unauthorized items from reaching
- 5 inmates?
- 6 A. Generally speaking, I would agree with that
- 7 but not -- not entirely. We also conduct searches of
- 8 -- for contraband items that may not necessarily be
- 9 intended to pass on to inmates, i.e., personal cell
- 10 phones, unauthorized handcuff keys, tobacco products
- 11 for -- for self use. So there's certainly -- there's
- 12 certainly other reasons for searches.
- Q. Wheeler Correctional Facility does not
- 14 allow employees to bring their personal cell phones
- into the facility?
- 16 A. They do not.
- Q. As far as preventing contraband from
- 18 reaching inmates, why shouldn't inmates have access to
- 19 unauthorized items?
- 20 A. Contraband is dangerous, particularly
- 21 narcotics, cell phones. Inmates conduct business on
- 22 cell phones. They utilize or they consume illegal
- 23 drugs. They become volatile. They can be dangerous.
- 24 Contraband is a method of monetary purposes
- for, quote, unquote, wheeling and dealing inside a

- 1 facility. There's -- it's just contraband puts not
- only staff at risk but the inmate population at risk.
- Q. And do you think that all correctional
- 4 facilities share that same concern?
- 5 MR. PETERSON: Object to form, please.
- 6 A. I'm sure they do. This is my 15th
- 7 facility.
- 8 Q. My next question was going to be have you
- <sup>9</sup> ever worked at any other correctional facility. So
- were most of those in Georgia?
- 11 A. I'm retired warden out of the state of
- 12 Florida, 29 years with the State of Florida Department
- of Corrections. Four of the facilities that I've been
- 14 to subsequent to that have been CoreCivic facilities.
- Q. Those four since, were any of those in
- 16 Georgia?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Is that one of the primary concerns of
- working in a correctional facility, especially in
- 20 management of -- is keeping contraband from inmates?
- 21 A. That's one of the things that keeps me up
- 22 at night. Yes.
- Q. And how do Wheeler Correctional Facility
- 24 peace officers receive training regarding searches of
- inmates and/or noninmates? Is that on site or off

- 1 wears two bars, which in the military is what a
- 2 captain wears. Assistant shift supervisor wears one
- 3 bar, which in the military is indicative of a
- 4 lieutenant, but titlewise it's shift supervisor. Most
- 5 folks refer to them as a captain.
- 6 Q. Since October of 2020 has CoreCivic done
- 7 anything to address any perceived problems Ms. Boney
- 8 has with interacting with others?
- 9 MR. PETERSON: Objection to form, please.
- 10 A. Not my knowledge.
- 11 Q. ADO means administrative duty officer,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. Who was the administrative duty officer on
- 15 October 4, 2020?
- 16 A. I was.
- Q. And as the ADO, you were assigned to assume
- the duties and responsibilities of the warden or
- 19 facility administrator if they were not there,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. The administrative duty officer technically
- is for after hours. What I mean by that is after
- 23 administrative hours, when the regular chain of
- 24 command is not here. The only way you would be -- I
- mean, you do act as the -- as the acting warden when

- 1 you are -- when you are ADO. Yes.
- Q. And if is someone needed to be searched --
- 3 well, let me rephrase that.
- If someone needed to be strip searched,
- 5 would they have to get your permission first if you
- 6 were the acting ADO and the warden was not on site?
- 7 MR. PETERSON: Object to the form, please.
- A. We don't strip search employees.
- 9 Q. Were you consulted on October 4, 2020,
- 10 before the frisk searches of plaintiff, to your
- 11 knowledge?
- MR. PETERSON: Object to the form, please.
- 13 A. I don't believe I was -- I don't believe I
- was notified prior to the initial pat search. I think
- it was after the pat search when she -- when Curtis
- still could not pass the metal detector that Captain
- 17 Boney called me.
- 18 Q. In October of 2020 had there been any
- 19 changes to CoreCivic's pat search protocol in light of
- 20 COVID?
- 21 A. The only changes were that you wore gloves,
- latex gloves. And you -- I don't remember if at that
- time, but that at some point we were instructed to
- 24 change gloves between -- between every search, which
- 25 brings about a -- I want to put this in there. At --

- 1 A. Repeat that, please.
- Q. I'll try. Does CoreCivic contend that the
- 3 State of Georgia had zero input into CoreCivic's
- 4 policies and procedures as it relates to the searches
- 5 of individuals?
- 6 A. That is our contention. We -- there are
- 7 three SOPs that we follow from GDC. None of them have
- 8 to do with searches.
- 9 Q. CoreCivic can't find someone guilty of
- 10 bringing contraband into the correction al facility
- 11 and sentence that person to imprisonment, can it?
- 12 A. Criminally, no. Administratively, yes; but
- 13 criminally, no.
- Q. Criminally that has to be done in court,
- 15 correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And pursuant to the laws of the State of
- 18 Georgia?
- 19 A. Yes.
- MR. KASPERS: Okay. I've got nothing
- 21 further. I appreciate your time.
- THE WITNESS: You are welcome.
- MR. PETERSON: Will you give me two minutes
- to go through notes. I am going step off the video
- 25 here. Can I have two minutes to look at my notes and